# Stories of Violence

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| Girls | Boys |
| **1.** Nadia lives with her uncle. He is very friendly, but sometimes he comes very close, which makes her uncomfortable. One night he comes close and touches her under her clothes. Nadia stays still and pretends she is sleeping. The next morning, Nadia feels confused and does not know what to do. | **1.** Mario is playing football with his friends when suddenly two players start a fight. His best friend tells him to join the fight and “stand up” for his friends. When Mario responds that he does not want to fight, his friend threatens to beat him up the next day. |
| **2.** Maria has an older boyfriend. He often brings her gifts. However, he can be very mean and often calls her names. A few days ago, he forced her to have sex even though she did not want to. Maria feels ashamed and does not know what to do. | **2.** Mo has a best friend who is popular; and he even has a girlfriend that he plans to marry soon. However, Mo knows that this friend often beats his girlfriend. Mo is strongly against violence, but he doesn’t know how to talk about it to his friend. |
| **3.** Elisa lives with her parents. Since a crisis broke out, her family lost their income and Elisa had to borrow money to buy food. One day, John, an NGO worker offers Elisa some money. In return, he wants a kiss. Elisa does not want to kiss him, but she feels guilty towards her parents, who need the money. | **3.** John lives with his parents. Since a crisis broke out, his family lost their income and John had to borrow money to buy food. One day, his friend tells him that he knows a way to get money: by robbing a family that lives down the road. John does not want to steal, but he feels pressure to provide his parents with money. |
| **4.** Mariam is a good student and wants to become a teacher. One day, she hears her parents talk about marriage. They found a suitable young man and want her to prepare for marriage. Mariam does not want to get married yet, but she does not know how to tell her parents how she really feels. | **4.** Ahmed has a younger sister who is a good student. His parents want her to get married soon. Ahmed thinks that his sister will be happier if she can complete school and marry when she feels ready. Ahmed wants to talk to his parents about this, but he does not know how. |